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Antonio Guarna et al.) Group Art Unit:
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For: BENZO[C]QUINOLIZINE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS 5 ALPHAREDUCTASES INHIBITORS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title and before line 1, please insert:

--The present application is a continuation-in-part of and claims priority to International Application No. PCT/EP98/08582, filed December 21, 1998 and European Application No. EP 97122733.5 filed December 23, 1997.--

